गयी थी। इसके अलावा, इसका व्यापक रूप से प्रचार करने के लिए पूरे देश में कर्मचारी पेंशन योजना की पहली वर्षगांठ मनाई गयी थी जिसमें विज्ञान भवन, नई दिल्ली का कार्यक्रम भी शामिल है।

(ग) 20 अथवा इससे अधिक व्यक्तियों को नियोजित करने वाले निजी क्षेत्र उपक्रमों पर कर्मचारी पेंशन योजना पहले ही लागू होती है।

(घ) और (ङ) व्यवसाय संघों ने आम तौर पर इस योजना का स्वागत किया है। विवाहित पुत्रों और विवाहित पुत्रियों तथा पुनर्विवाह करने वाली विधवाओं तथा पुनर्विवाह करने वाले विधुरों के बीच भेदवाव को समाप्त किए जाने, पेंशन की शीघ्र अदायगी के लिए बट्टा दर (डिस्काउन्टिंग रेट) को कम किए जाने, चूक संबंधी मामलों में पेंशन की अदायगी सुनिश्चित करने का प्रावधान किए जाने उजरती दर वाले कामगारों को शामिल किए जाने आदि के बारे में व्यवसाय संघों के विचारों को स्वीकार कर लिया गया है और कार्यान्वयन के लिए अधिसूचित कर दिया गया है। तथापि, वैयक्तिक विकल्प दिए जाने, पेंशन की उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक के साथ जोड़े तथा पेंशन को एक तीसरे लाभ के रूप में दिए जाने जैसे अनेक सुझावों को बीमांकिक रूप से स्वीकार करने के लिए व्यवहार्य नहीं पाया गया है।

Rehabilitation of Child/Bonded Labour in TN

1284. SHRI S. MATHU MANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the central assistance sanctioned to the Government of Tamil Nadu under the Ninth Five Year Plan for the rehabilitation of child labour and bonded labour;

(b) the number of child labour and bonded labour identified during this plan in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Under the scheme of National Child Labour Project, financial assistance is given directly to the child labour project societies at the district level for runing special school for the rehabilitation of child labour. Under the scheme, State Governments are not provided any financial assistance for direct rehabilitation of child labour. For the State of Tamil Nadu, 8 National Child Labour Project have been sanctioned for the rehabilitation of 19,500 children. In the first year of the paln, i.e. 1997-98, an amount Rs. 179.79 lakh was released to these district child labour societies. The central assistance sanctioned to the Government of Tamil Nadu during the year 1997-98 for the rehabilitation of bonded labour was Rs. 3 crore.

(b) According to census, the total number of working children in the State of Tamil Nadu was 578,889. In the recently concluded first phase of survey conducted under the directions of Supreme Court, the State Government has already identified 25135 working children. The State Government has also identified 25008 bonded labourers.

(c) Government have taken a series of steps for the elimination of child labour working in hazardous occupations. Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, the employment of children is prohibited in 7 occuptions and 18 processes contained in Parts A and B of the schedule to the Act. Apart from Legal measures, Government have taken steps for withdrawal and rehabilitation of child labour working in hazardous occupations. A major activity undertaken under the child labour projects is the establishments of special schools to provide non-formal education. vocational training, supplementary nutrition etc. to children withdrawn from employment. Funds have also been sanctioned for carrying out survey on child labour in all districts and for awareness generation against the evil of child labour.

The Government has also launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the rehabilitation of bonded labour. The

expenditure under the scheme is shared equally by the Central Government and the States.

Workers Engaged in Shipbreaking Industry

1285. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no facility like medical, insurance, pension for over 40,000 workers engaged in shipbreaking industry Alang in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when labour laws are proposed to be made applicable for those workers whose living conditions are pathetic with leprosy andy AIDS cases reported in large number

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) The workers engaged in shipbreaking industry in Alang in Gujarat are eligible for Provident Fund, Pension and Deposit — Linked Insurance benefits as per provisions of the Employees' Provident Funds and miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. In the case of death/disablement due to employment injury, these workers are also eligible for Payment of Compensation as provided under the Workmen's compensation Act, 1923. The provisions of Labour Laws including provision of medical care are being mainly administered by the State Governments. Any complaint about non-enforcement of Labour Laws in shipbreaking industry as and when received are forwarded to the State Government for taking appropriate remedial measures.

Discovery of New Gold Reserve Areas

1286. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has recently discovered some new gold reserve area in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such new gold reserve area has been detected in 1997-98 in the State of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir Geological Survey of India (GSI) has established gold ore reserves in the following areas during 1994—97.

KARNATAKA

Hira Buddini (Raichur district), Chinmulgund and Nagavi (Dharwar district), Ajjanahalli west and G.R. Halli South Block (Chitradurga district).

ANDHRA PRADESH

Dona Temple (Kurnool district) and Kudithanapalle (Chittoor district).

RAJASTHAN

Anandpuri-Bhukia (Banswara district)

MADHYA PRADESH

Gurharpahar West (Sidhi district).

MAHARASHTRA

Parsori West Block and Kitari Block (Nagpur district).

KERALA

Kappil (Malappuram district).

(c) No. Sir. No new gold ore reserves has been established in Orissa during 1997-98.

(d) The question does not arise

Chrome-Ore Mines on Lease to Industrial Units

1287. SHRI NARENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Orissa to give on lease to industrial units chrome-ore mines;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the said proposal; and